



THE HARRIS HERALD

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Dear Friends,

In this month's E-Newsletter, I will focus on the 2012 Recommended Budget that the County Executive proposed to the Milwaukee County Board during our September meeting. I hope you understand that the budget does determine the County's priorities. In this recommended budget, you will see the quality of services decreasing in different areas, some services being cut, and others seeing a gain. It is extremely important that you let your voice be heard. As your County Supervisor, I ask that you get involved and tell me and the County Board what your priorities are and what needs to be preserved.

-County Supervisor Nikiya Harris, District 2

Milwaukee County Board Committees

Parks, Energy, & Environment
Health and Human Needs
Transportation, Public Works &
Transit

Community Memberships

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership
Council
Youth Sports Authority Board

Appointed Committees

National Association of Young Black
Elected Officials Chairwoman, of Health
and Human Services Committee
Wisconsin Counties Association
Constitution Committee

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Nikiya's Love for the Kids

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The Proposed Budget

On September 29, County Executive Chris Abele presented his budget to the County Board. As County Executive, we know and understand that he has many tough and challenging decisions to make on behalf of Milwaukee County. As your County Board Supervisor, I will do everything within my power to preserve the County Systems you all enjoy and utilize the most.

For the next few weeks, the County Board will be in deliberation to gain a full understanding of how this will affect our District and Milwaukee County as whole.

To view County Executive Chris Abele's proposed budget, please visit the [2012 Recommended Budget](#).

April 1 Preliminary Preparations Direction to County Departments on preparation of the subsequent year budget.	June 1 Departments submit new position requests.	June 15 Departments submit capital budget requests. Departments submit operating budget requests.
July/August Department of Administrative Services and County Executive review of department budget requests.	August 15 Department of Administration submits summary of budget requests to the County Board	September 29 County Executive presents the Recommended Budget to the County Board. The Budget is then referred to the Finance and Audit Committee for review
October Finance and Audit Committee reviews the Recommended Budget in public budget hearings scheduled throughout the month.	October 31 County Board public hearing on the budget, 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Park Senior Center.	
November 7 County Board Annual Meeting and the adoption of the budget and tax levy. During this meeting, the County Board acts on the Amendments by the Finance and Audit Committee as well as amendments submitted by individual Supervisors.	November 16 Consideration of County Executive budget vetoes and final adoption of property tax levy.	

District 2 Budget Listening Sessions

I will host three Budget Listening Sessions for District 2. I encourage you to use this opportunity to express your concerns around the 2012 Recommended Budget. Your input is greatly appreciated, and I hope to see you at one of the sessions.

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Topic: Transportation and Public Works

**Silver Spring Neighborhood Center (5460 N. 64th St.)
6:00-8:00pm**



Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Topic: Health and Human Needs

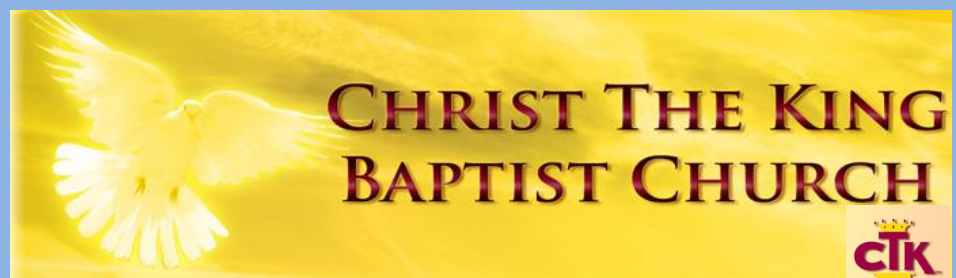
**Parklawn YMCA (4340 N. 46th St.)
6:00-8:00pm**



Thursday, October 20, 2011

Topic: Milwaukee County Parks

**Christ the King (7798 N. 60th St.)
6:00-8:00pm**



Who do you want to thank?



We are still accepting *UNSUNG HERO* applications for our November Newsletter.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to nominate someone as an “*UNSUNG HERO*,” please email David Crowley at david.c.crowley@milwcnty.com or call 414-278-5071.

African American

Mental Health Practitioner Summit

As the committee member of the Health and Human Needs Committee of Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and Chairwoman of the National Association of Young Black Elected Officials' (NAYBEO) Committee on Community Mental Health, we have found that many African-American families have not grasped the effects of how Mental Illness affects families and our communities. That is why I have partnered with Alverno College's Graduate Program in Community Psychology to host a summit that will help us better identify and access Mental Health resources in our community to support underserved communities of color.

The African American Mental Health Practitioner Summit will be held on February 4, 2012. If you would like to volunteer, please contact David C. at 414-278-4278 or email him at david.c.crowley@milwcnty.com.

Nikiya on the BEAT

Labor Day Fest & Youth Football

This year, I had the honor of walking in the Labor Day Parade with one of the esteemed groups that is dedicated to preserving quality of life in Milwaukee County. Thanks to the Amalgamated Transit Union for making me a part of your team this year.

It was my pleasure to spend a beautiful fall morning with the Quadravion Henning Football League at Hampton Street School. I applaud the Football League for giving our young people the encouragement to get involved in sports to build their self-esteem.

